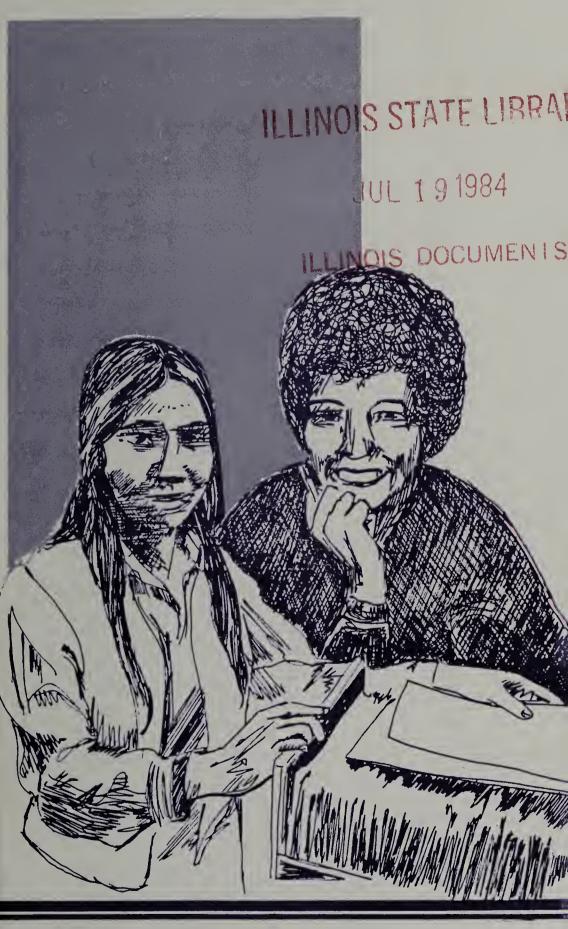
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### Working Together Makes IWEP Work



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The Illinois Department of Public Aid encourages you to join us in a program that can make a difference. The Illinois Work Experience Program (IWEP) can make a difference to you in providing you with needed help-and to many people who need a supervised work experience.



#### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The Illinois Work Experience Program (IWEP) places recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) who have not been able to find employment into WORK EXPERIENCE ASSIGN-MENTS or POSITIONS. These AFDC clients are individuals who, in order to receive public assistance, are required to participate in a systematic job search effort and/or accept suitable employment.

#### YOU CAN HELP

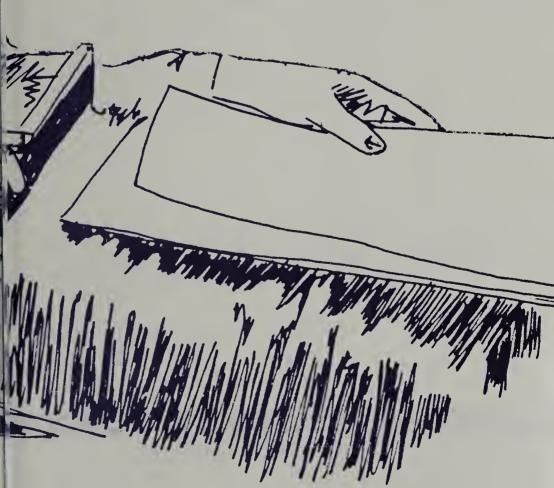
If your agency contracts with the Illinois Work Experience Program, you are designated as a **SPONSOR**. The Work Experience Sponsor provides a supervised work experience for an AFDC client. As a sponsor, you do not pay for the work, as the AFDC clients will receive the standard monthly assistance grants during their participation in IWEP.

Work Positions are identified as follows:

Clerical Aide Receptionist, typist, general office

duties . . .

Dietary Aide Kitchen helper, serve food, clean eating areas . . .



Maintenance General janitorial work Aide

Program Aide Work with children, community activities, other miscellaneous activities.

You may request as many clients in these assignment areas as you will need.

#### **WORK ASSIGNMENTS VARY**

Clients may be required to work up to and including 80 hours a month at your agency. The number of hours and days a client may work will depend upon the client's grant level. The following chart illustrates how clients may be scheduled to fulfill their work assignments or positions:

WORK ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS	HOURS PER DAY AND NUMBER OF DAYS OF ASSIGNMENT						
(IN HOURS)	20 Days			10 Days			5 Days
40				4	hrs.	(P/T)	7 1/2 - 8 hrs. (F/T)
48				4 1/2	hrs.	(P/T)	
56	2 1/2	hrs.	(P/T)	5 1/2	hrs.	(F/T)	
64	3	hrs.	(P/T)	6	hrs.	(F/T)	4
72	3 1/2	hrs.	(P/T)	7	hrs.	(F/T)	
80	4	hrs.	(P/T)	7 1/2-8	hrs.	(F/T)	

As you can see, a full-time position ranges from 5 1/2 to 8 hours per day. A part-time position is from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours per day. Remember that the hours of the person(s) referred to you depend upon the client's obligations. If you should request a full-time worker, the person referred may work from 5 1/2 to 8 hours a day. Likewise, if you request a part-time worker, the person may work from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours a day. A client may work between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Assignment schedules with hours or days other than those described above require prior written approval from the Program.



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## WORKING TOGETHER MAKES IWEP WORK

The Illinois Work Experience Program staff will make every effort to provide clients to fill your work assignments on a consistent basis in accordance with the hours the individual clients are required to work.

IWEP staff help clients work out any special problems so that they can complete their assignment(s). Transportation and/or child care allowances are also provided if needed by clients in order to fulfill the assignment.

As a sponsor, your supervision of the individuals is an important responsibility. In addition to providing supervision, a sponsor is required to complete and return an attendance form and arrange for Worker's Compensation coverage when a client is on a work assignment.

We hope that you will become a sponsor. Please join us.

Any questions about the program may be addressed to:

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